

EXHIBIT 46

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rakesh Khurana and William Fitzsimmons

From: Michael D. Smith, Edgerley Family Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Date: June 9, 2017

Re: Committee to Study Race-Neutral Alternatives

cc: Ara Gershengorn

In 2016, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences again emphasized “the central role that student body diversity plays in the achievement of our mission: the education of our students through exposure to novel ideas; to people whose backgrounds, points of view and life experiences are profoundly different from their own; to innovative pedagogy; and to diverse educators – at the front of our classrooms and in the seats, at lectures, in dining halls, in residences, and in the thousands of other structured and informal interactions that make up a Harvard education.” The FAS Faculty unanimously reaffirmed its view that student body diversity – including racial diversity – is essential to our pedagogical objectives and institutional mission.

With the benefits to student body diversity in mind and in accordance with Supreme Court case law, I am convening a committee with the assistance and guidance of the Office of the General Counsel and the University’s outside litigation counsel. The committee will evaluate whether proposed race-neutral alternatives are available and workable for achieving the benefits that flow from our student body diversity.

I anticipate that this committee’s work will take place during the next four to five months, with the completion of this work during the Fall of 2017. The committee will produce a report, and I will share that report with the President of the University.

I hope you will be willing to contribute to this important endeavor.

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